

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Ted Bruce Wilson upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Ted Bruce Wilson, who has devoted thirty-five years to the education and instruction of young students and athletes; on March 17, 2007, Mr. Wilson will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools and athletics; and

WHEREAS, a native of Blount County, Mr. Wilson was born on May 29, 1934, and attended school at Maryville High School and Maryville College, where he played football at both schools; he also attended post-graduate school at Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Mr. Wilson embarked on a lengthy career in education wearing the hats of teacher, coach, and assistant principal as a member of the faculty at Maryville High School; he later served as a coach and Athletic Director at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett High School until his retirement in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson's perseverance, dedication, and inspiration both on the field and off have earned him the respect and gratitude of his peers, his students, his players, and his community; he has accumulated an astounding .823 lifetime winning high school percentage with 246 wins, 51 losses, and two ties; and

WHEREAS, during his fifteen-year tenure as Head Football Coach at Maryville High School, Mr. Wilson coached three state championship teams, two state runner-up teams, and three semi-finalist teams; his players reached the state playoffs in nine out of twelve seasons, and he coached the TSSAA All Stars in 1971 and 1974; and

WHEREAS, Ted Wilson's Maryville coaching record carries an impressive winning percentage of eighty-four percent, having led his teams to 146 wins, 27 losses, and 2 ties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson also served as the Maryville Track Coach from 1966 to 1981, during which time the track team won state runner up accolades in 1981; he also served at various times as the head coach for wrestling and ladies basketball, as well as assistant coach for football, baseball, and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson went on to coach football and serve as the Athletic Director at Dobyne-Bennett High School from 1982 to 1992, where he led his teams to 96 wins and 26 losses; his teams qualified for the state playoffs five times during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson has received many awards and accolades during his illustrious career as a coach, including the Upper East Tennessee Coach of the Year Awards for 1983, 1986, and 1989; District I "AAA" Coach of the Year awards for 1983, 1986, 1987, 1989, and 1990; the State of Tennessee All-Star Coach awards for 1971 and 1974; Blount County Coach of the Year awards for 1970, 1976, and 1978; and gaining admission into the Blount County Tennessee Hall of Fame in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson received Knoxville Journal Coach of the Year honors in 1970, 1976, and 1978; Kellogg's Coach of the Year awards in 1977 and 1979; the Maryville College Hall of Fame Award in 1981; and the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 1981; and

WHEREAS, long a pillar of the Kingsport and Maryville communities, Mr. Wilson has since moved to Florida, where he lives with his loving wife, Patricia Wilson, and near his three children, Phillip Wilson, Teddi Wilson Sylvia, and Joel Wilson; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Ted Bruce Wilson has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ted Wilson, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mentor the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Ted Bruce Wilson in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend Mr. Wilson for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the education community of Tennessee, and offer our thanks for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.